

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on 9th July 2024 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mrs C Joseph (Chairman), Mrs D E Holt (Vice-Chairman),
Mr M. Barton, Mrs W Burr

In Attendance: -

**Members of the
Public:** -

1. Apologies for absence

Mrs T A Owen

2. Members' interests

None

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on 7th May were accepted as a true record of that meeting and were signed as such by the Chairman of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

None

5. Report from District and County Councillors

Neither the County Councillor nor the District Councillor were present and no reports were available.

6. Report from the Parish Footpaths Officer

The Parish Footpaths Officer was not present and no report was available.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Road Safety

The Clerk reported that without confirmation of a willingness to participate by this Council Longdon Parish Council was proceeding with its intention to erect village name signs in Long Green, but only on the north side of the A438.

Cllr Mrs Burr reported that she had received complaints about vehicles speeding in Moorend Road and of excessive speeds used by bikers in other locations within the Parish.

It was agreed that the possibility of extending the 30 mph zone in Moorend Road eastwards, and of introducing a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS), should be examined. The Chairman also undertook to contact the PCSO with a view to securing an at least occasional police presence with the possibility of instituting formal action against offenders.

9. Defibrillator and Training

The Chairman reported that she now had in her possession a portable defibrillator; Councillors discussed how it might best be deployed.

10. Shed

It was reported that the School had been asked for its approval of a location where a new shed might be placed and until that reply had been received it was inappropriate to make decisions on the size or construction of the replacement shed.

11. Marquee

Council noted that the Clerk as instructed had effected a contract of sale of the marquee to the Parochial Church Council and that title and risk now lay with the PCC, and that Council had received the sales price of £1.00

12. Banking Arrangements

The Clerk reported that Lloyds Bank (with whom the Council held its current account) offered business customers such as the Council an instant access deposit account, and that on such accounts interest was offered at a rate of 1.31%. Other banks offered similar facilities but it was unlikely that there would be any significant difference.

If the entirety of the Council's current cash balance were to be held in such an account the interest might amount to around £50 annually, but from this would have to be deducted the cost of the Clerk's time in managing the account. He also suggested that the Council should consider carefully whether it needed to hold a cash balance which was so large that a deposit account was appropriate.

Councillors agreed to continue the current banking arrangements.

13. Financial Regulations

The Clerk advised Council that Financial Regulations adopted by the Council were part of the internal governance structure which gave assurance that the Council's money was being used as the Council intended. As legislation and technology evolve changes become appropriate, and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) then issues a 'model' set of Financial Regulations which individual councils can adapt and adopt to meet their own circumstances.

Prior to the meeting he had circulated NALC's new model Financial Regulations together with a version containing suggested emendations. These documents were long and the time for reviewing them had been short and he therefore suggested that the matter of their adoption be deferred to a future meeting.

The suggestion was accepted.

14. Lengthsman

Council noted the report from the Clerk on the services provided by the Lengthsman for which invoices had been submitted as follows: £288 May; £288 June.

15. Authorisation of Disbursements

It was **RESOLVED** that the following disbursements be made for goods and services:

£265.81	J L Gabbott
£65.20	HMRC
£576.00	Jeremy Moore (£288 May, June £288)

16. Future Meetings

The Clerk would canvass Councillors' availability and advise the date.

17. Any other business

None

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.47 p.m.

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